

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 280**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Chief Administrative Judge - Order of Cases		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 280 amends Section 1-7-330 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by allowing the Chief Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court, rather than the Circuit Solicitor, to determine the order that cases will be called for trial for general sessions court.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Prosecution Coordination Commission

The Commission indicates there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates there may be a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State. In some circuits, the circuit court judge's law clerk or secretary may be able to manage this additional administrative task without assistance; however, some larger circuits with heavier criminal caseloads may require daily management by additional staff such as a docket clerk or trial court administrator.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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